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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN REFUGEE
AND BANGLADESHI FLOOD VICTIMS

REF: CANBERRA 2438 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BILL HAYDEN JULY 24 ANNOUNCED GRANTS OF ADOLLS 140,000 FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES AND ADOLLS 25,000 FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN BANGLADESH (ADOLL EQUALS .83 USDOLLS).

2. THE AUSTRALIAN DONATION FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IS TOWARDS THE 1984 PROGRAM OF THE ICRC FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. IN AUSTRALIAN FY 1983-84, IN ADDITION TO THE ICRC GRANT, AUSTRALIA HAS PROVIDED \$5.13 MILLION IN FOOD AID THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (REFTEL) AND \$2.2 MILLION IN FOOD AID THROUGH THE ICRC. THE RICE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT SERVICES AS PART OF A UNHCR PROGRAM TO BENEFIT AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN.

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3. THE AUSTRALIAN DONATION FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN BANGLADESH IS IN RESPONSE TO AN APPEAL BY THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES FOR THE 100,000 PEOPLE MOST AFFECTED AMONG THE 2 MILLION FLOOD VICTIMS. NESEN

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